

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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A LIVELY BUT CALMER BUNCOM DAY SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 24

It's time again for Buncom Day!

The 4th annual Buncom country fair will be **Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Buncom. Bring the family and join us for an entertaining time.

This year's Buncom Day will be a scaled-back version of the Centennial celebration last year. At our annual meeting last month, members agreed that while last year's extravaganza was appropriate for the occasion -- the Centennial of the Buncom post office -- we'd prefer a somewhat quieter version this year.

As the result, you'll find a lot of interesting and fun things to enjoy, but we're kind of keeping it quiet -- making it a day for our members, friends and neighbors in the Applegate community.

Buncom Day Chair Donna Epstein says there will be old favorites -- the Country Store, craft vendors, horticultural offerings, live music, food, a number of organizations on display and activities for the kids.

Richard and Joanna Davis, of the Applegate River Ranch House, will be back with their popular red oak barbecue, and we'll have drinks and desserts on sale, too. There will be live music by Good Comp'ny and others.

Larry Goins will be demonstrating gold panning, we will have a variety of door prizes, and of course, the World-Famous Buncom Chicken Splat Contest!

Admission is free. Proceeds from sales at the event will go to continue our preservation of Buncom's buildings.

JOIN OUR WORK PARTY TO GET READY FOR BUNCOM DAY

Bring your brooms, rakes and brush cutters on **Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m.** to give Buncom a quick once-over so it's ready for Buncom Day. The buildings and grounds are in good shape, so we should be done before noon.

BUNKHOUSE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED

As flood repair work wound down, our contractor was able to finish the structural repair work to the Bunkhouse, but there is still more to do.

All the foundation piers and understructure supports were replaced and the building was levelled, rotting siding was replaced, rafters and ceiling joists were replaced and new sheeting was installed on the roof. Shingling the roof is expected to be completed before Buncom Day.

Still to come are doors and windows. We've run into problems finding the odd-sized windows the building needs, so if anyone can tell us of sources for antique windows, please let us know.

THANKS, KEYPOINT!

The 2-mile stretch of Little Applegate Road that includes Buncom has been "adopted" by a Medford business.

Keypoint Services International has agreed to clean up the road at least twice a year. They did the first cleanup last month.

The "adopt a road" program is sponsored by the Jackson County Roads and Parks Services. About 15 companies currently participate in cleaning up county roads.

Keypoint is a telecommunications company that installs and maintains communications equipment for private-company networks throughout North America. Its president is our Society's president, Reeve Hennion.

NOTES FROM THE INTERNET

Buncom's home page on the Internet -- <http://www.mind.net/buncom/> -- continues to be a means for exchanging information about ghost towns, and some off-beat socializing. Not surprisingly, the Chicken Splat page attracts the most attention. It prompted this e-mail not too long ago:

I found your page about the chicken splat and was made to laugh hard!

By coincidence, we just came into ownership of approximately 80,000 chicken cages. They are used and in good shape, welded wire and approximately 2x2x4.

These cages can be sold in large or small quantities and price depends on quantity needed. Can you refer me to anybody that might make good use of them???

Thank you for your help.

We resisted the temptation to become sales agent for chicken cages. But think how much money we could raise by running 80,000 Chicken Splat Contests!

GRAND PRIZE WILL BE NIGHT AT LODGE

A night at the brand new Lodge at the Applegate River Ranch House will be the grand door prize at Buncom Day this year. The new Lodge, adjacent to the Applegate River Ranch House Restaurant, will hold its grand opening Saturday, May 31, from 2 to 10 p.m. Thanks to owners Richard and Joanna Davis for their generosity.

LAST NOTICE: SEND IN MEMBERSHIP DUES

Look at the mailing label on this newsletter. If there is an ".F." below the address, we haven't received your 1997 dues of \$5.00 per family. If you don't renew, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Make out your check to "Buncom Historical Society" and mail it to 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530. Thanks!

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The Buncom Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the buildings and history of the ghost town of Buncom, Oregon.

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HELP US WITH BUNCOM DAY!

Buncom Day is going to be a little different this year. We want it to be a real Country event, and you can help us make it a real success:

- Tell your friends and relatives about Buncom Day and invite them to come. We're strictly limiting the publicity this year, but we want the Day to be a success, so you can help by spreading the word.
- Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. We will have only limited seating available, and very few tables.

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